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Dimensions AH offers a different type of trip

CAO explains how the hybrid resort-treatment centre will work

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

Plans for a new health retreat, which has sparked much curiosity, careful planning and public relations work, due to its offer of “psychedelic” therapies, is coming to fruition.

Canadian company, Dimensions, has revealed designs for its first project, Dimensions Algonquin Highlands, which is now under construction on a 45-acre Maple Lake property previously known as the Mishpacha Resort.

A press release issued April 27 said that the retreat site is being designed by internationally renowned creative studio DesignAgency “to help guests find their rhythm and immerse themselves in the healing benefits of nature.”

Newly constructed facilities will include 17 private cabin suites, a dining lodge and spa facilities.

“Their calming design fits quietly into the landscape and reflects the rural aesthetic developed by preceding generations,” the release read.

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Summer strumming

Wendy Connelly of the Country Hot Flashes performs during the Music Fridays at the Fairgrounds (formerly Music by the Gull) on Friday at the Minden Fairgrounds' stage. Concerts are from about 7 p.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m., but start times will change according to the daylight. Admission is by donation and is collected by members of the Minden and District Lions Club. /DARREN LUM Staff

Weekend ATV patrols arrive at Rail Trail

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

If you're planning to use the Haliburton County Rail Trail this summer, you can expect to see orange-vested volunteer wardens on patrol.

The Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) and the County of Haliburton have teamed up with the Kawartha ATV Association (KATVA) to implement trail

wardens along the Haliburton County Rail Trail (HCRT) to promote ATV safety as of July 1.

In a prepared statement to the *Times*, director of public works for the County

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This image depicts what cabins at Dimensions Algonquin Highlands is expected to look like.



Dimensions ‘devoted to using psychedelics in a therapeutic context’

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Following its release, Dimensions chief executive officer and part-owner Chris Dawson, gave an exclusive interview to the *Minden Times*, to carefully spell out what Dimensions is, what it is not and what it believes.

The retreat is not a typical vacation resort – although there are some parallels. And, while it provides health services, these services are not (yet) covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan, meaning its first customers to visit – expected by July – will pay out of their own pocket for the experience.

Dawson acknowledges that Dimensions is a hybrid tourist resort-health clinic. Its guests will go there to receive healing treatments, which could include the use of psilocybin (otherwise known as magic mushrooms) or cannabis. But different guests will have different reasons for being there.

“Any guest that comes to Dimensions should experience this common element; it’s a retreat that people would love to do for a holiday. It should be in a fun place,” Dawson said.

“Some people will be there to proactively work on their own wellness. Other people will be there because they have a mental illness or a chronic issue that traditional therapies have not helped. Those people may be here to get well again.

“The core purpose of coming might be different for those two people, but the end result should be similar.”

Dimensions was founded in 2021 by Dawson, chief operational officer Andrew Galloway and chairperson David Heden, who wanted to invest in “wellness tourism,” a booming industry. The company also includes a team of clinicians, therapists, and hospitality experts.

Dawson said Dimensions is possible because governments around the world, including in Canada, are showing renewed interest in studying, and in some cases approving, psychedelic and plant-based medicine treatments. Meanwhile, he said, more people are seeing a need to work on their own health, proactively, instead of relying on health systems, which are designed to help people only when health is deteriorating.

While psilocybin is still taboo in Canada and a federal government website, says “the production, sale and possession of magic mushrooms is illegal in Canada” there is a legal loophole that allows for it to be used in some rare cases.

It’s called subsection 56(1) of the



An image of the interior of a main building at Dimensions.



A drawing of the site plan for Dimension Algonquin Highlands.

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and it allows the Ministry of Health to exempt a person from the rule if it’s for a “scientific or medical purpose, or for a purpose that is otherwise in the public interest.”

Dimensions, aware of this, mentions in its press release that it will offer “healing modalities and plant medicines will include cannabis and cacao, as permitted by the local municipality, as well as psilocybin to guests that have received approval by Health Canada’s

Schedule 56 exemptions and Special Access Programs.”

Dawson clarified a retreat like Dimensions is important because it provides people a safe, supervised space to take these medicines, while under the care of therapists. A public relations specialist for Dimensions, Melanie Coates, also added that the business will also have a thorough intake process, to ensure that guests are committed to therapies they sign up for.

“Dimensions is very clearly a company that is not advocating for the legalization of psychedelics for recreational purposes,” Dawson said. “Dimensions is a company devoted to using psychedelics in a therapeutic context.”

Given that Dimensions is launching their business amid a time of shifting attitudes towards drugs, there’s been hiccups along the way.

“There’s no doubt that we need to break down some stereotypes,” Dawson said. “There is resistance to psychedelics and sometimes that comes from a conservative component of society.”

In a 2021 interview with the *Echo*, Dawson had to clarify that the retreat would not be a drug rehabilitation centre, among swirling rumours. Also, Algonquin Highlands’s planning department, after approving construction thinking the facility was simply a tourism resort (which it was zoned for), issued a stop work order as new details about what would take place at the facility emerged.

Dawson said Dimensions has since applied to the municipality for a zoning variance that would allow for it to offer “psychological services and other wellness activities” and “we won’t add on those incremental services until we have the green light.”

He said he hopes to build a positive relationship with the community and pointed out that the business will likely offer about 50 new local jobs. To find therapists and other highly trained specialists to work at the site, it’s casting a wider net.

Dawson is now excited about welcoming the first guests. He expects to begin offering week-long packages – likely at four-digit dollar rates – in July, as the site’s original building will be functional then. A second main building is expected to be finished next summer and by that time, Dawson expects the retreat to be in full swing and contributing to people’s healing.

That could include people who are going through post-traumatic stress disorder or people who are dealing with other physical or other mental pains.

He said psychedelic therapies “allow people to hit the re-set button on their brain” if they’re in ruminating patterns. “It’s almost like hitting Control-Alt-Delete.”

“Used in the right context you can hit that re-set button and a therapist can work with you to integrate that experience and help you come up with a better behavioural response to the ruminating that might take place. It has a distinctly different effect than traditional medicines,” he said.

KATVA lends trail wardens to Haliburton County

from page 1

of Haliburton Robert Sutton, president of HATVA Joel Bockneck, and president of KATVA Carolyn Richards said, "During the annual review of the land use agreements between Kawartha and Haliburton ATV Associations and the County of Haliburton, it was noted that the volume of all types of users has increased on the trail steadily each year ... HATVA and KATVA met with the County of Haliburton staff and agreed that it would be beneficial to all trail users as well as the residents of the County to try the trail patrols for a one-year trial period."

All trail wardens are volunteers who travel along ATV trails and stop riders to check for valid trail passes, check licence plates, and educate riders about ATV safety on weekends.

Volunteer trail wardens are able to educate riders rather than enforce, so in difficult circumstances, they are required to pass the situation along to appropriate authority.

Trail warden for KATVA Greg Arkwright said, "If a rider takes off on us or becomes argumentative, we will let them leave, but we will take down some of the information or take a photo of the [ATV] to pass it along to the patrol coordinators who will then pass it along to police or by-law officers."

So far, there are no trail wardens from Haliburton County, so KATVA will lend some of their 30 wardens to travel north of Kinmount to patrol the HCRT.

"When patrolling the trails, they are first and foremost trail ambassadors promoting safety and education to all trail users including motorized and non-motorized. They are there to answer questions trail users may have and to educate users on the rules of the trails," said the statement.

Trail users can expect to see wardens wearing orange vests and travelling in teams of at least two.

The prepared statement said, "They will be stopping ATV riders and checking them for valid trail passes as required by the county by-laws."

On Sunday, July 10, two KATVA trail wardens patrolled the boundary of the HCRT and the Victoria Rail Trail just north of Kinmount.

Arkwright was one of the volunteers on duty on July 10 and said wardens help to uphold safety standards on the trail.

"With the increased number of [trail patrol] riders in our area, we see very few, if any, accidents on our trails. The riders know we are out there, so for the most part, they are following the rules," he said.

Richards said bylaw and provincial regulations governing trail use can be confusing, so the goal of trail wardens is to bridge the educational gap for trail users.

"We have seen an average of a 20 per cent increase in trail use every year for the last five years, but we haven't seen the same increase in accidents on the trails," She said.

Richards explained that it will take some time to see the



Rail trail volunteer patroller and Kawartha ATV Association member Chris Pellow, left, speaks with an ATV rider at the border of the Haliburton County Rail Trail and the Victoria Rail Trail north of Kinmount during his patrol on Sunday, July 10. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

same results on the HCRT because it hasn't been patrolled by volunteer wardens in a number of years.

For current KATVA trail wardens, the experience has been fulfilling.

"I want to be involved in helping make sure that the club runs, the trails are looked after, and that the trails are safe. I want to make sure that our name is out there because right now in City of Kawartha Lakes, there are a few people pushing against us, so we want to make sure our name is out there in a positive way," Arkwright said.

Chris Pellow, the other patroller on duty on July 10, has been patrolling with KATVA for four years and said he loves

to be outside on patrol days and wants to make sure that the trails can be safely enjoyed by everyone.

As outlined on the KATVA website, the two ATV associations have a reciprocal agreement to "permit each association's members trail privileges in their respective municipalities," which means that each association recognizes a rider with a trail permit of the other as valid.

So far, sending educational patrollers to the Haliburton County Rail Trail is a pilot project.

"This is a one-year trial project and will become a long-term part of the trail stewardship plan for both KATVA and HATVA if successful," said the statement.

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July 28 – Regular Council Meeting
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Legion invites public to Junk in the Trunk sale

by **DARREN LUM**
Editor

Finding that special treasure (to you) is just a little more than a week away and a few kilometres out of Minden at the Royal Canadian Legion, located on Highway 35.

The annual tradition known as the Junk in the Trunk is back after the pandemic health measures put a hold on in-person events.

Characterized as a flea market, the event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 24 and promises to provide

opportunities for sellers to make some money by selling their disused items and for yard sale aficionados an opportunity to find the figurative diamond in the rough.

The Legion's ways and means officer Fred Hartlen said the variety of items for sale at these events, which goes back several years, runs the gamut.

"Everything. You name it. Whatever is at a garage sale is there, basically. There's actually some good stuff. Couple of years there were some really good stuff. And, actually, we were one of the ones selling a bunch of brand new stuff ... but whatever you see at a regular garage sale. A lot of junk and a few treasures," he said.

Hartlen adds there's been brand new convection ovens sold (still in the original box) at a previous Junk in the Trunk, including some things destined for the landfill.

Prices for items can range from as little as a dollar up to a \$100.

Food will be available to purchase on the day, which will be breakfast and lunch items. In the past they served egg, bacon and cheese wraps for breakfast and burgers at lunch.

Cost per space is \$20. Space is limited to the Legion's parking lot. Contact the Legion at 286-4451 to register your place for your vehicle.



Ed McDowell performs with The Country Hot Flashes during the Music Fridays at the Fairgrounds.



Weekly music hits Minden

The Country Hot Flashes (and guest musicians) performs during the Music Fridays at the Fairgrounds (formerly Music by the Gull) on Friday at the Minden Fairgrounds' stage. Concerts are from about 7 p.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m., but start times will change according to the daylight. Admission is by donation and was collected by members of the Minden and District Lions Club. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Minden and District Lions Club member Fwin Norry collects donations while The Country Hot Flashes group of Doris Robertson and Wendy Connelly (with guest performers Linda Robertson, Ed McDowell and Don Stiver) perform.

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CanoeFM programs awarded nationally for excellence

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Two CanoeFM radio programs are getting the recognition they deserve for their ability to showcase local talent and cultivate connection by the National Campus Radio Association (NCRA) Community Radio Awards in Broadcast and Online.

Patrick Monaghan, Algonquin Highlands resident and host of the Buckslide Blues Cruise on CanoeFM, won a Music Programming Award for Best in Blues or Similar Music, while John and Rita Jackson from Haliburton won the 2022 Community Excellence Award for their Radio Playhouse program at the beginning of May.

Station manager of CanoeFM Roxanne Casey said this recognition is significant to their station and the community because the NCRA Awards are a country-wide competition of around 120 other stations.

"All the programs were up against all of the campus and community radio stations across the country, so it really is like a competition. It's pretty impressive that a small town in Haliburton, Ontario was able to win two awards," Casey said. "We play music that you wouldn't normally hear on a commercial radio station, so our station is important for local artists and Canadian artists to get their music played."

Monaghan, a long-time blues fan, is diagnosed with cancer and undergoing treatment. He said that his radio program gives him the drive to focus on life outside of his illness.

"Doing this is what keeps me going. I could decide to sit and think about all of the bad parts of life, but this gets me up and allows me to focus on what I love," he said.

It takes him about six hours to prepare his two-hour program each week, but he is also busy attending blues festivals and contacting people for interviews.

He strives to connect with musicians, other people in the blues industry, and community members to be able to educate his audience about blues music.

"Blues is the basis of jazz, country, rockabilly, certainly rock 'n roll, so when people say they don't like the blues, I tell them that they don't like rock 'n roll," Monaghan said



Patrick Monaghan gives his signature "thumbs up" while holding his previous award from the National Campus Radio Association inside the CanoeFM station during his Buckslide Blues Cruise program. This year, Monaghan won his second NCRA Music Programming award for Best in Blues or Similar Music. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

with a laugh and a smile.

Both Monaghan and Casey said that many people may not see the behind-the-scenes work, but it is what makes Monaghan's show successful.

"Patrick works really, really hard at connection. He works really hard at trying to be sure he does a great program for himself, but also for Canoe radio," Casey said. "He was really excited to win the award. He says that his radio show gives him purpose and something to focus on every week. It's not

about his health, it's about producing an incredible show."

Monaghan also won an NCRA award in 2020 and has his name on the Blues Hall of Fame Walk in Memphis, Tennessee.

2022 was the first year for the Radio Playhouse to win an NCRA award.

"Rita and John have a whole network of theatre groups that are all involved with their Radio Playhouse program, so they are incorporating different theatre groups in the county to be part of their Canoe FM Radio Playhouse," Casey said.

The couple signed up to be volunteer on-air hosts at CanoeFM three years ago initially filling in for other hosts before getting their own show.

"We were involved in a number of theatre productions, so this was something very close to us that we loved to do together. When the pandemic hit, we realized that the use of radio could be used to put on plays when audiences couldn't come out to live shows, and that's where the idea came about," Rita said.

Rita is currently playing the role of Mother Abbess in Highlands Summer Festival's *The Sound of Music*, and John will be playing Lady Bracknell in the festival's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* from July 18 to July 26.

John said that the couple aimed to help local actors, theatre companies, and playwrights by giving them a medium to showcase their talent through the Radio Playhouse, and the response from the community was beyond expectation.

They said that so many others are involved in making the Radio Playhouse a success, and they couldn't have done it without their time and effort.

"To be recognized on a national level was quite a shock. It's been a wonderful opportunity to share theatre with the community," Rita said.

John and Rita also host CanoeFM's After Nine program on Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monaghan's Buckslide Blues Cruise program airs on 100.9 CanoeFM on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and John and Rita's Radio Playhouse airs on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.



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Hello and goodbye

Rock legend Jimi Hendrix said, “The story of life is quicker than the wink of an eye, the story of love is hello and goodbye ... until we meet again.”

SUE TIFFIN is irreplaceable to this paper. There’s no doubt in my mind.

Her heart is in the *Minden Times* and her home is in Minden. You could say Minden is as much a part of Sue as she is part of it. The value she brought to the *Times* (and the sister paper, the *Echo*) could never be measured in the thousands of stories she wrote or the images she captured, but in the engagement she cultivated with her commitment in shining a light on Minden Hills and all the communities in the Highlands.

For all my years living in Haliburton County, which is about 18 years (nine of which was in Minden), I do not have the same connection to Minden like Sue, who not only lives in Minden with her two children and husband, but is from here. She is a Red Hawks alumnus. She has deep roots. It always showed in her work. It was always present in her representation of the papers, whether it was speaking with a source for a story or in interacting with a child at a parade. Her love for the Highlands was apparent.

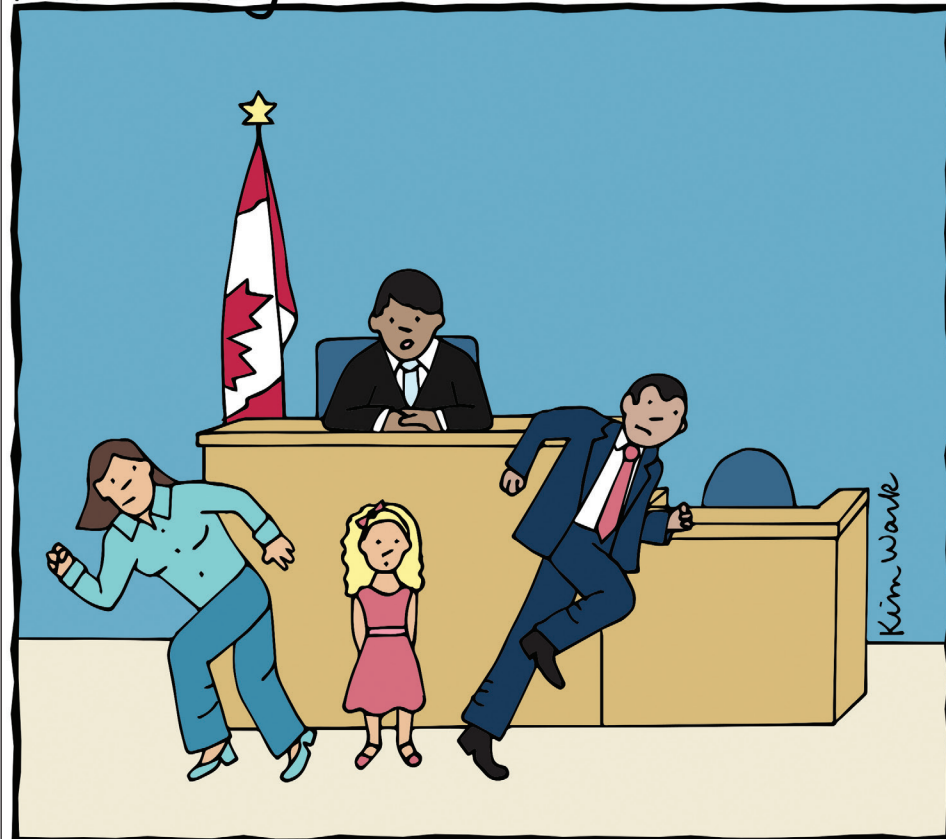
I wish her well on her new chapter and will miss her contributions, if not her support as a fellow journalist. Her contributions won’t only be missed for the space they helped filled in the *Times* and the *Haliburton Echo*, but for the substance they brought; the questions they raised and for the engagement it created with long-time and new readers in the area and outside of it. She cared. Her compassion shone through in her sentences and dripped from the words in her prose in her articles (short and long), which included the broad range of small town journalism, whether it was the elementary school graduations, a town council meeting or a death in the community.

As the editor the of the sister papers, the *Echo* and *County Life*, I will be assuming the position of editor in the interim (until we can find another person with the relevant skills, and, hopefully, the same commitment and drive of Sue).

We welcome contributors to help us as we move forward. Help us ensure the paper continues to be a reflection of the life here, which is made up of hard workers and the unsung heroes that make this community worth living in. We need you more than ever. Please, email me with your contributions at darren@haliburtonpress.com.

**DARREN LUM**
Editor

Kwarky



“Whoever she runs to wins custody.”

Rain dance like nobody is watching

THROUGHOUT HISTORY, rain has been considered one of our most important recurring events – and not just for the people in the umbrella industry. No, rain is important to us all.

Without rain, our crops and forests would not thrive, our waterways would become stagnant and dry up, and our cars would never get washed.

Despite this, humanity has not found a way to control rain reliably.

In fact, the best attempts we have come up with so far are rain dances. For eternity, and maybe longer, Indigenous peoples around the world have been trying to coax rain by dancing.

I happen to think they are onto something too. I mean, the theory is sound enough. For, when you dance, you are supposed to be having a good time. And, as we all know, rain clouds are attracted to people having a good time. That’s why it never rains during lengthy outdoor political events.

The problem with rain dancing, I believe, is that not all of those rain dancers are having a good time. Sure, there are some rain dancers who actually love to dance. I get it. They are coordinated. They are fit. They know a few moves. They watched Saturday Night Fever. They don’t have sweat glands.

And there are also those who would like to dance, and they eventually do, but only after consuming a few adult beverages. But when they dance, they tend to wear lampshades on their heads, bump into everybody, spill drinks and yell, “Watch this!” before spinning wildly, with flailing arms, and falling into the finger food and punch bowl table.

Even worse, and perhaps more unhappy,

are those who finally get dragged out to the rain dance floor. I’m talking about those guys who get singled out by one of those women who dance-walk their way to a table giving the “come dance with me” signal with open outstretched hands. The kind of person who won’t take no for an answer.

All this is to say, there are not many happy people in any group of dancers – 10 per cent max. So, it’s no wonder rain clouds don’t come running.

This realization led to a minor epiphany. I realized there was something more effective than the aforementioned traditional rain dances.

I’m referring to camping and fishing trips.

You see, I really, really enjoy those things and look forward to them for weeks. So, I started paying attention to the weather while I was in the midst of these adventures and soon concluded that there is no better way to bring on rain than to embark upon a fishing or camping trip. It’s even worse if you combine the two, which I always do.

If you don’t believe me, try it yourself.

It works so well that I have actually induced torrential rainfalls just by loading the car with camping and fishing gear. I honestly think if climatologists were to track my excursions, they might find an obvious pattern of heavy precipitation coincides with them.

I know. These are not rain dances per se. Yet, when the thunder and lightning are drawing near, they take on a similar frenetic appearance.

I guess my point is, I am available to end local droughts for a nominal fee. I just need a little advance notice – so I can dry out my tent, tackle and sleeping bag.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Give them our respect

A FRIEND IS ill and not doing well. I'm watching her closely and, if the illness looks incurable, I will end her life.

The friend is not a human, of course. She is a tree – a tall, proud Eastern Hemlock. Also known as the Canadian Hemlock. I have known her for almost 40 years. She is much older than that. Probably 100 plus.

I don't know what sickened her. Needles have dropped from her lowest limbs, leaving dry, dead looking branches halfway up her height. Yet, her top portion is full and healthy looking.

Dying branches can be a sign of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, an invasive insect native to Asia. It is a nasty bug that sucks fluids from the tree and can kill a hemlock in as few as three years.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

It is a serious threat to hemlocks in the eastern U.S. and now parts of Canada.

There are, however, no other symptoms or signs of the insect on my tree, such as small clumps of dirty cotton at the needle bases. At any rate, it has me concerned, and I'm watching it for any new symptoms.

It could be one of the many other pests, blights or rusts that torment trees. Or, nothing except the natural needle loss that most conifers undergo.

The hemlock is not the prettiest tree in the forest. It has a dark, sinister look intensified by the perceived malevolence of its name.

Poison hemlock is a highly toxic plant found throughout Canada but the Eastern Hemlock tree is not related and is not poisonous. The tree got its name because early settlers from Europe found that crushed needles from the tree had an odour similar to the poisonous plant they knew from back home.

It may not be the prettiest tree, but it is one of the kindest and most patient. It provides many birds and animals food and shelter.

The hemlock was widely respected and much used by Indigenous peoples. To some it was a sacred tree because it provided medicines.

Tea was made from the inner bark to soothe colds, fevers and stomach ailments. Bark also was used to make poultices that slowed bleeding. The bark is rich in tannins, used extensively in tanning animal hides for leather.

The hemlock has given humans and wildlife much more than food, shelter, medicines and materials for tanning and building. Hemlocks teach us about patience, sharing and how to accept the changes of aging gracefully.

They are slow growing and long-lived. They typically grow 18 to 30 metres (60 to 100 feet) tall and live for 400 years or more.

It's hard to stand beneath one without feeling you are in the presence of a wise elder who can give valuable lessons to someone willing to watch and listen.

For instance, roots of one hemlock sometimes merge with the roots of others to share water and nutrients. One tree might be rooted in shallow soil and not getting proper nourishment, so neighbouring hemlocks share what their roots are gathering.

I've been told by some people that my hemlock is sickly and obtrusive and should be cut down. Just another tree taking up space.

I refuse to cut any living tree without compelling evidence that its life should be ended. Our society is quick to kill trees for convenience, then soothe its guilt by replacing it with a seedling.

In some ways, trees are a higher form of life than humans. They live longer, grow taller and stronger, listen more than they speak (through fungal networks in their roots), and are among the most tolerant species on the planet.

Human bodies take oxygen from the air and convert it to poisonous carbon dioxide (CO₂). We add more poisonous CO₂ with our cars and other machinery.

Trees absorb CO₂, convert it into sugars and release life-giving oxygen back into the air. Without that oxygen there would be no life on earth.

Some will argue that trees are nowhere near a higher form of life because they do not possess intelligence. However, as anyone who follows politics knows, intelligence is not an indicator of a higher form of life.

Whether or not they are a higher form of life, one thing is clear: Trees deserve our respect.

Happy belated!

The Canada Day fireworks in Minden, which is a capture by Minden resident Amin Shivji.



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teens—a story of renewal and revelation. The perfect start-of-summer read. Check it out today from Haliburton County Public Library.

Land Trust AGM reveals a positive year

by **DARREN LUM**
Editor

Taking the positives from 2021 is keeping spirits high for an upcoming year after the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust annual general meeting held virtually on Thursday, June 23.

Land Trust chair Shelley Hunt said, "It was a nice ride. We had a great year in 2021 and the early part of 2022."

"This past year was eventful and fruitful year for the Land Trust despite the continued challenges of the COVID pandemic. I think we have done a good job of [supporting our] properties and raising funds and securing grants and conducting research, engaging the community with educational opportunities and materials all of this aimed at protecting the land we love for current and future generations," she said during her report.

Among the highlights include successful applications for grants in 2021 and early 2022, which is due to the efforts of volunteers and staff member Christel Furniss.

The grants include the RBC's Tech for Nature grant worth \$25,000 used to evaluate and classify wetlands, as well as analyze habitat connectivity (using circuitscape analy-

sis) across part of the county that constitutes the important wildlife corridor known as the "Highlands Corridor;" the Environment and Climate Change Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program worth \$42,000 for work on the Highlands Corridor that involved mapping, evaluating, and protecting the Laronde Wetland Complex, and stewardship of Blanding's turtle and the whip-poor-will habitat through partnerships with private landowners (specifically offering property management plans and enrolling landowners in a tax incentive program to promote good stewardship) and development of outreach materials for the public; the TD bank's Friends of the Environment Foundation grant worth \$9,600 to support Discovery Days educational programs, which were offered in-person and online; Ontario government's Species at Risk Stewardship Fund worth \$28,000 to conduct research on the presence and distribution of a rare wetland plant and two "lost" ladybug species on Land Trust properties and in Haliburton County, including support outreach initiatives related to the lady beetles, and a virtual talk led by an expert entomologist held on June 2. Resilient Communities fund provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation in support of the worth strategic plan renewal close to \$9,000, which will secure professional support for the strategic planning process that will be initiated this year.

Last year's online auction fundraiser raised \$12,500,

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This past year was eventful and fruitful year for the Land Trust despite the continued challenges of the COVID pandemic.

— LAND TRUST CHAIR, SHELLEY HUNT

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which was an increase of 160 per cent increase compared to 2020. The greater total was due to using a paid online auction platform Auctria instead of Facebook. The Land Trust plans to continue to use Auctria for fundraising auctions that will complement the return of in-person events.

Nearly \$6,000 was raised from the "Adopt an Acre" program. Although new membership numbers were down in 2021 compared to the year before, Hunt said 2020 numbers were higher than other years so the membership numbers were still strong overall with more than \$7,000 raised in 2021. New this year is the "Move for Nature," which encourages Land Trust volunteers and members to participate in outdoor challenges that their friends and family can sponsor through Canada Helps. Thus far, there has been \$4,000 raised.

Hunt said the Land Trust is appreciative to the support in the community such as Haliburton County Development Corporation for their contribution of \$5,000 improve the entrance lane and the parking lot – she extended thanks to efforts by Pat Casey, who is a neighbour for extending the parking lot. HCDC also provided \$4,000 to support the goat initiative for property maintenance – "nature's mowers." The Rotary Club Haliburton provided \$7,000 for purchase and installation of four benches at the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve and the Dahl Forest. The Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization contributed \$3,000 to the area habitat through the Community Champions Program. Also, there are collaboration with students through Ulinks, Trent University, Fleming College, and guided hikes are being conducted by adventure provider, Yours Outdoors.

Also, new this year is the Land Trust's website, which enables the offering of virtual education programs and allow for online fundraising and event registration, and easier navigation and find information.

"The website redesign has been fantastic. It has improved some of the functionality of the website and it's also just really beautiful looking," she said.

The site, she said, is now showcasing the two new videos produced this year: Wonder in the Woods, Conservation in Action. It was possible from a Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

Tyson Shennett of Peter Shennett Professional Corporation said the Land Trust had a good year despite spending more than what was received in 2021 during his independent auditor's report.

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Melanie Hevesi
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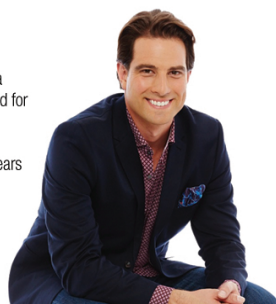
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"If you do that every year, that's a problem, but you're not doing something every year and, really, it's caused by some of the timing in the grants, so overall in a fairly healthy situation and you should be pretty happy based on the direction Land Trust is going based on your finances," he said.

Donations were down but the annual fundraiser was up, so there is a correlation or a "balancing out" between the two, he said. The paid program for the fundraiser increased expenses, but the revenue generated justified the cost.

This year the Land Trust used more money than they received. It worked out to be \$8,691 in 2021 compared to bringing in \$28,406 more than spent 2020. This can happen with when the grant is recognized as revenue. This year many of the grants were in the process of coming instead of them being paid out in full at the end of the year like the year before..

"It's not necessarily a bad thing that there was more money spent than came in this year, really, with last year being brought in more than you spent as long as you're not too out of whack here it's really not a major concern. It reflects basically, the Land Trust is trying to spend the money that comes in to improve their properties and use the money as well. There's not a point of not necessarily having ton of money that isn't being used," he said.

Shennet's auditing services were retained for 2022

Hunt was grateful to the support of the Land Trust and the people, who contribute.

"I just want to extend a big thank you to our volunteers, our members and other donors. All of our activities and accomplishments over the past year would not be possible without including our hard working board," she said.



Visitors scan the horizon with binoculars and a camera at Snowdon Park last autumn. The park is a part of the Highlands Corridor, which is part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's area of focus. The Highlands Corridor is a broad swath of land in southern Haliburton that connects three provincial parks (Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands, Kawartha Highlands, and Silent Lake). /FILE DARREN LUM Staff

She also thanked Furniss.

"In closing, the Land Trust is grateful for

the community, our volunteers, members and donors without whom we would not be able to accomplish our mission in protecting the land that we love and we're looking for-

ward to another exciting and eventful year on behalf of all the board thank you very much," Hunt said in her chair's report.

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Meeting the moths

Moth expert Ed Poropat engages the group during Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Marvelous Moths Discovery Day at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve (BCNR) on Saturday, June 25. The event featured an up-close look at hundreds of moths that had been carefully trapped overnight at BCNR by Poropat with an explanation of each type. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Poropat holds a moth for the group.



Clark Chamberlain and Stephanie Edwards have their hands full with capturing a digital image of a moth.

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Taking a trip down memory lane

75 years of love

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association (HHLPOA) is celebrating their 75th Anniversary with a Founder's Day event at Elvin Johnson Park at Halls Lake on Saturday, July 16.

This event will feature free food, live music, games, a commemoration of the association's founding families, and fire safety demonstrations.

President of HHLPOA Peter Dadzis said, "Our 75th anniversary is a testament to the fact that today's group of association members have the same desire to be good stewards of the lake environment as those that were the first settlers and to stay informed about issues affecting our lake environment."

Some families have been on Halls Lake, Little Hawk Lake, or Big Hawk Lake for more than 100 years, so the event will award families with milestone certificates.

Joan Hamilton has been a cottager on Big Hawk Lake for 42 years and has a deep interest in the history of the area.

"I have enjoyed getting to know people and their stories as I researched for my book, *Lure of the Lakes*," Hamilton said.

She explained that the association originally formed in the 1940s due to concern over the high water levels in the three lakes.

"Cottagers and business owners banded together to lobby the Trent Severn Waterways about the extreme water levels. While draw-down was the biggest concern, water quality,



The Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association will be celebrating their 75th anniversary on Saturday, July 16 at Elvin Johnson Park in Halls Lake. Pictured is a calendar photo of Oakview Lodge in the 1940s. The lodge and marina are still situated on Little Hawk Lake today. /Photo submitted

fish habitat, and healthy shorelines were and remain important issues," she said.

Big Hawk and Little Hawk Lake had their own association until they joined together in the 1970s.

Dadzis added that there wasn't any infrastructure in place to support property owners in the area, so neighbours came together to

hold social events in addition to raising concerns about the environment.

Since becoming president of HHLPOA in 2013, Dadzis said his position is very rewarding.

"As a volunteer, non-profit organization, it has been a rewarding experience to see our efforts come to life through our shared belief

that we should cherish our good fortune of having property in this spectacular environment and know that all of us should leave it the same for future generations," Dadzis said.

The HHLPOA also hosts an annual regatta, fishing derbies, challenges, contests, golf tournaments, and much more.

At the Founder's Day event, the fire safety demonstration will be put on by Algonquin Highlands Fire Services, and the Ministry of Natural Resources Aviation Forest Fire and Emergency Services will be providing balloons, Frisbees, displays, and fire tools.

A 50/50 draw will be held, and HHLPOA board member Hamilton's book, *Lure of the Lakes*, will be available for purchase. Music performances will be put on by Keyth Sievert and John Fitzgerald from Little Hawk Lake and musical duo, Nick and Benton, will be performing before the release of their first EP. If you plan on attending, HHLPOA asks that you register on www.eventbrite.ca/e/founders-day-family-picnic-tickets-358816127697.

Hamilton is looking forward to welcoming new people and getting to enjoy the event with others after two summers of COVID-19 health measures.

"Who doesn't like a party? I'm looking forward to celebrating the families that have settled in the lake communities at least 25 years ago, to thank those that have volunteered to be directors of the lake association in the past, to mix and mingle with our neighbours, and to enjoy the music and a delicious lunch," Dadzis said.

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The pack is back!

The Haliburton Huskies players endure the "Beep Test" - an endurance running workout - during the fitness test day on Saturday, July 9 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The team's players participated in a variety of activities to test strength, stamina and agility. The team's coaching staff uses the series of fitness tests from the day to establish a baseline of understanding for each player, which can be used for development purposes. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Haliburton Huskies players and the coaching staff watch Colin Glecoff, who is an affiliate player of the Highlands performs pullups during the fitness test day.

Huskies defenceman Kaiden Thatcher (under the watch of strength and conditioning/ equipment manager Owen Flood) lifts the weight in the benchpress test.



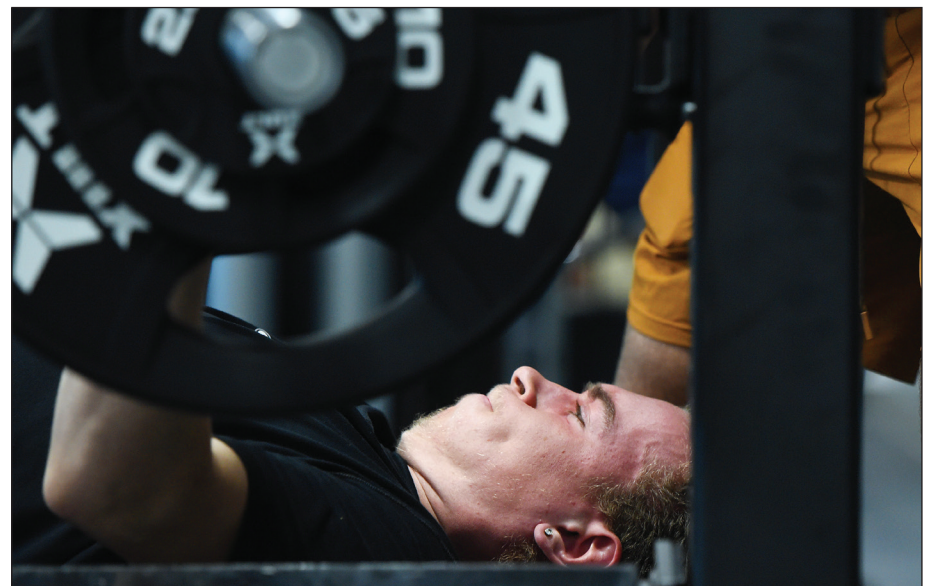
Huskies goalie Chris Linton endures the benchpress test.



Huskies defenceman Owen Davies shows the effort on the airbike during the fitness test day on Saturday, July 9 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.



Huskies veteran player Lucas Stevenson is the last one running in the “Beep Test.”



Above, Huskies defenceman Easton Penna shows the effort while benchpressing.



Huskies players run through the “beep test” at the hockey team’s fitness testing day.

HCDC Incubator open for businesses

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

The Haliburton County Development Corporation’s (HCDC) renewed Incubator space is giving the necessary tools and support to fledgling local businesses so they can soar to success.

HCDC recently refurbished their Creative Business Incubator space for the summer with ideas from Haliburton School of Art + Design’s Integrated Design class.

The Business Incubator is a rentable space at 710 Mountain Street in Haliburton, which provides access to fibre optic broadband WiFi service for entrepreneurs in Haliburton County and features both a co-working space with new furniture and a meeting room.

The space’s re-imagining was part of a class project undertaken by the integrated design class, and the concept was made real when HCDC hired integrated design student Kat Schouten as incubator coordinator through funding provided by EcoCanada.

“Right now, we know that there are a lot of folks who need more consistent and reliable access to the internet, both as employees and business owners. In addition, this space is helping bring remote workers together. While they co-work, they can meet others that they wouldn’t normally cross paths with in their day to day,” Schouten said.

The exterior of the building received a fresh coat of paint while the interior was re-



The Haliburton County Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce Mix It Up Monday Mixer event was held on Monday, June 27 at the HCDC Incubator space for community members who work from home. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

furbished with new furniture. “One of our major goals this summer was to make the exterior of the building feel refreshed, eye-catching, and welcoming to folks who want to come to the incubator to co-work or learn more about starting a business,” Schouten said.

The main goal of the rejuvenation of the Business Incubator is to encourage the community to use the space and to allow the Incubator to help businesses grow and thrive.

HCDC also plans to develop programming to help foster new businesses.

“We know that starting a business is hard, and in this phase of the pandemic, we want to make sure that we are making the right decisions rooted in the needs of folks directly in Haliburton County,” Schouten said.

HCDC has been working collaboratively on this project with both the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the County Economic Team. So far, bookings have been successful.

“This summer, folks who have rented the meeting room have been very excited for the opportunity to join video calls, host in-person meetings, and use the internet for important Zoom presentations,” Schouten said.

They are excited to now be welcoming rentals of the co-working space.

HCDC hopes that the Incubator space will be able to help local businesses long into the future.

“In the long run, we want the Incubator to be the go-to place for new entrepreneurs to launch their business in Haliburton County with both access to affordable space and access to business guidance customized to local entrepreneurs.”

Schouten is excited to find more community partners to add some art pieces to the walls and bring colour to the space.

On June 27, a Mix it Up Monday Mixer was held at the Business Incubator for people in Haliburton County who work from home to have a chance to mingle with each other and visit the space.

At the event, executive director of HCDC Patti Tallman thanked the large crowd for attending.

She said, “We have had the Incubator since 2010, and during COVID, it sort of went to sleep. Heather [Reid] has taken it upon herself, along with Kat, to revitalize it and bring it back to life and create some more synergies in here, see what we can do, meet people, and bring entrepreneurial benefits to yourselves as well as the community.”

For more information about the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator and how to book the space, visit www.haliburtoncdc.ca/business-incubator/.

HCDC program and operations coordinator Heather Reid concluded the event by explaining her excitement for the revamp of the Business Incubator.

“This summer is really about animating the space and being an outreach to the community. We’ve sort of taken a guess that a co-working space, a meeting space, and really focusing on the access to high-speed [internet] for the summer would attract users. The second half is for Kat to be getting out and talking to local businesses to find out what they are looking for. It’s been really exciting over the last few months to coordinate what we have to offer.”

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Answers on page 16



River roll!

Sarah Comer hams it up for a photo as she roller skates along the Riverwalk last Wednesday. /Submitted



Footy fun

Recreational co-ed soccer is available every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. Cost is \$5 per game or \$50 for the rest of the season, which continues until late-September. Email the organizer for more details email c.carere@bell.net. /DARREN LUM Staff



Waking up fun at the Gull

A kayaker scans the next line while paddling the Gull River at the Minden Whitewater Preserve on Saturday, July 9 in Minden. The Gull River provides plenty of recreation and opportunities for reflection for walkers. /DARREN LUM Staff



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A whitewater paddler in a whitewater canoe navigates the Gull River at the Minden Whitewater Preserve.

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Kennisis Lake’s Art on the Dock returns

by GRACE OBORNE
Special to the Times

There isn’t a better place to browse and purchase amazing works of art and talent than on different docks of a beautiful lake. The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners’ Association (KLCOA) will be hosting its 8th annual Art on the Dock from Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This summer there are 15 exhibitions and about 30 exhibitors who will showcase their work, which will be for sale with cash, cheques or e-transfers. There are a lot of new exhibitors and returning exhibitors making the list relatively large this summer. “There are lots returning and so I think our list is a pretty large list. There’s at least 10 that are new and 20 that are returning,” the event organizer, Janis Parker, said. The art includes acrylic painting and mixed media, which can be seen at exhibit A. Phyllis Walton will showcase her studio called The Art Sisters. “I am a very enthusiastic amateur artist, gaining experience through courses from the Haliburton School of Arts and just from the joy of painting. The Art Sisters group was formed when we all met at the Haliburton School of Arts, since then we have enjoyed painting together. We hope you will enjoy browsing our work, during the AOTD weekend,” Walton is quoted as saying in the Art on the Dock booklet.

At exhibition D, Brian Kalanda will display hand carved hardwoods and cedar salad, fruit, and trinket bowls at his studio, GhostBear Woodcraft. He will also have wood and wood/resin charcuterie boards and wood coaster sets along with much more. “I have been creating wood pieces for approximately 10 years. Pieces now reside in homes across Canada, the US and Europe. My passion is hand shaping pieces that provide one of a kind outcomes while retaining functionality,” reads the Kalanda quote from the Art on the Dock booklet. Parker adds live entertainment at exhibition D enhances the experience for people. In past years, the KLCOA Art on the Dock has donated more than \$25,000 for Artists in the Schools and Community in Haliburton. “Every single year we’ve been donating to that cause and the whole idea came out of the Arts Council. One of the founding members, who has passed away, Shelley Beach, was on the Arts Council the same time I was, and it was something that we both felt strongly about,” Parker said. In 2022, a new element was introduced to this program for the children, youth, and adults where Arts Council members have conducted numerous workshops. Participants were able to learn how to paint, make jewellery, act, draw, and more. Many exhibitors will be collecting donations for Artists in the Schools and Community at their locations. Art on the Dock on Kennisis Lake will take place outside and happen rain or shine. If it does rain, exhibitors are prepared to move their exhibit indoors. For more information, visit klcoa.org/aotd-8th-annual-july-16-17/.

HSAD 'walk-about' provides insight

by JERELYN CRADEN
Special to the Times

If you're itching to express yourself creatively but don't know where to start, then Thursdays at the Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) are for you. Every Thursday 'til the week of Aug. 15, there is a great opportunity to walk-about three HSAD locations from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., see the classrooms and studios, meet and chat with instructors, see displays of work made by current students, and get a real sense of the school, which could inspire you to take a course. Plus, a great free one-hour concert is yours to enjoy in the great hall from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Sandra Dupret, executive vice president, academic and student services, said, "The walk-about is a tradition at the school. It's a great opportunity for the students who are taking one of our 200 plus courses to showcase the work they've been making throughout the week and for those who are not enrolled to get a real sense of the classes being offered and the school itself."

"The students get to mill about from class to class that take place on the main campus and at our off-site locations," she said, "whether that be the blacksmithing or stone sculpture studio located on Mallard Drive off of Industrial Park Road, or in the high school [Haliburton Highlands Secondary School] where we also have a number of classes. It lets them see what's happening in other classrooms for their own creative pursuits. Maybe they can find that next class that they might like to try."

Gail Woodard, HSAD operations officer added, "We have a lot of intriguing studios here at the main campus and we have a huge jewellery wing that's going to be doing chain making – bracelets, necklaces and earrings."

Woodard said the most popular courses are drawing and painting, glass blowing, and blade smithing (otherwise known as knife making), including pottery.

She adds the popularity of the HSAD's full offering of courses is something for all ages.

"We have a family who booked classes and are flying here from Europe with their children for a week," she said. "The parents are taking different courses and one child is in the kids' art camp course and the other is in the youth teen course. It's their vacation."

Many of HSAD's music instructors also perform in the Thursday concerts.

Nicholas Russell, accomplished guitarist, composer, music producer, and stringed instrument maker performs on July 21. Suzie Vinnick, three-time Juno nominee, CFMA Award winner, and a 10-time winner of the Maple Blues Award performs on July 28. Jason Fowler, highly respected Toronto singer/songwriter, session guitarist and producer performs on July 28 from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

"The music is always nice," Dupret said. "It brings the community in. Many people just come for the entertainment, some for the walk-about or both. There's a little bit of something for everyone."

For all concert and course information go to www.hsad.ca, scroll down to continuing education, click on summer and fall art programs, then click on the PDF at the bottom of the page for the brochure.

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application FOR Minor Variance

This meeting will be heard as an electronic hearing by way of a VIRTUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: MONDAY, July 25, 2022

TIME: 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To participate:

Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588

Enter Meeting ID: 824 1088 3412 and **Passcode:** 317322

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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/TcmA1GfZu9Q>

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by **Friday July 22nd before 4:00 PM** or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 10:00 AM. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2022043**, **PLMV2022044**, **PLMV2022045** and **PLMV2022047** and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications for Public Hearing are listed below:

	<p>PLMV2022043 – Part Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson; municipally known as 1169 Trellis Trail and located on Bob Lake (see Key Map).</p> <p>Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of full shed dormers on an existing dwelling located 13 metres (43 feet) from the high water mark and which would increase the height of the existing dwelling 1 metre (3.2 feet); whereas otherwise no height increase is permitted within 15 metres of the high water mark.</p>
	<p>PLMV2022044 – Part Lot 26, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1084 Cold Springs Road and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).</p> <p>Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit construction of a 55.7 square metre (600 square foot) addition to an existing dwelling being 10.4 metres (34 feet) from the high water mark and which would increase the lot coverage to 18.7%; whereas otherwise no size increase is permitted within 15 metres of the high water mark and the maximum allowable lot coverage is 15%.</p>
	<p>PLMV2022045 – Part Lot 13, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1744 Bat Lake Road and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).</p> <p>Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a 90 square metre (969 square foot) addition to an existing dwelling, being located 15.8 metres (51.8 feet) from the high water mark and which would serve to increase the height 1.6 metres (5.2 feet) and increase the size of the dwelling 84.1%; whereas otherwise a maximum increase in height of 1.2 metres (4 feet) and increased size of 25% is permitted for a non-complying dwelling.</p>
	<p>PLMV2022047 – Part Lot 25, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1801 Kashagawigamog Lake Road and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).</p> <p>Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a 90 square foot (8.36 square metre) gazebo within the required 10 metre setback from the high water mark.</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications are available online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

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QUALIFICATIONS:

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A Memorial Mass to Celebrate Josie's Life will be held at the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Friday, July 15th, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home.

Memorial Donations to the Society St. Vincent de Paul (Peterborough) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of
Joseph (Joe) Mahdessian

1962 - 2022

It is with great sadness to announce the sudden death of Joe Mahdessian, on July 1st, 2022. Born January 2, 1962 in Beirut, Joe immigrated to Canada at the age of 3. His parents set roots in Mississauga, where Joe attended school and started his career, purchased his home and raised his family. Joe moved to Ingoldsby in March of 2020 where he bought his dream house along with his wife of 7 years, Cindy Vasey. Retiring in January 2022 after 31 years with Gardaworld, Joe took on the role of 'community driver' for SIRCH in Haliburton County. This was a dream job for Joe, allowing him to engage with so many people and to make an impact on the lives in the community that he loved so much. Joe also loved his neighbors, friends, business associates, and family.

Joe is survived by his wife Cindy, his children Chantelle (Troy), and Alex (Alyssa); stepchildren Joshua and Noelle; May Chaaya (mother of his children); brothers Simon (Mary), and Peter (Fina); brothers-in-law Doug Vasey (Dianne) Greg Vasey (Kris); sister-in-law Jill Vasey (Marc); nieces and nephews Michael, Kristyn (Mike), Matthew, and Nathan. He leaves behind many aunts, uncles and cousins. (Joe's parents Sebou (Sam) Mahdessian and Nabila Mahdessian passed July 1, 2022.)

Donations can graciously be made to SIRCH in Haliburton.



In Loving Memory of
Jaime Adele Kent

Passed away at home in Kinmount on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at the age of 45.

Loving mother of Ireland, Holland and Hudson. Dear daughter of Larry and Maxine Kent, sister of Corbie and his wife Carol, aunt to Hadley and Camryn. Special friend to Dr. Stewart Aitken and niece to Gloria Kent.

A Celebration of Jaime's Life will take place at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, 5 Station Rd., Kinmount on Sunday, August 14th, 2022 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The family would like for everyone to dress casual.

Memorial Donations to the Ireland, Holland and Hudson Meyer's Education Fund (cheques only payable to Ireland, Holland and Hudson Meyer) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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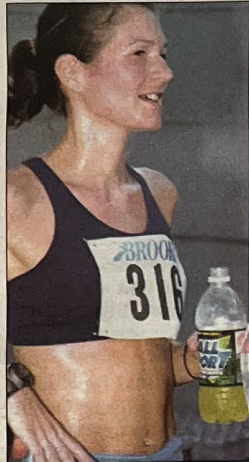
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Heineken Yard

Jackie Sandos was the fastest woman to cross the finish line in Friday's race..

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A a love of nature in watercolours

Bill Creighton's exhibit opens this week at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery

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In Quotes

"The next time a jetski passes your cottage at a high rate of speed remember that the police are too busy chasing paddle boats to bother with it."

— Edith Dalton, page 8.



Kenneth Jackson/TIMES

Summer ride

Sean Anderson, 6, of Barrie enjoys a ride on the Winger at Wednesday's Rotary Carnival at the community centre. The midway was a hit with the kids and the parents loved the glorious weather. for more photos, please see page 12.

Deer in the headlights: Do you brake or do you swerve?

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

You're driving along the highway in the evening as the sun is setting, travelling at the speed limit when a deer bounds out onto the road in front of you. What do you do? Although there is often very little time to analyze the situation and react, that split-second decision can be an important one. The consensus is apply the brakes, stay in your lane and hope for the best.

When a collision with a deer is imminent, the right choice can be a life saver.

"There are several viewpoints," said Insurance Adjuster Brent Clarkson of Haliburton County Adjusting Service. "From a driver's viewpoint, it's generally better to break and hit the deer than to swerve in an attempt to miss it."

When investigating claims, Clarkson said some insurance companies will look for signs of an impact with a deer and if there are none, they question the presence of a deer and look for a different cause. "A dead deer at the scene eliminates that question," he

said candidly.

He noted that swerving to miss a deer often results in loss of control and a vehicle rollover.

Clarkson pointed out that when a claim is filed, if a deer is hit, it is a comprehensive claim as opposed to a collision claim if an animal is not involved.

"A dead deer at the scene eliminates the question [of the cause of the accident]"

BRENT CLARKSON

"With the increasing bear numbers, there are more bears being hit by cars," Clarkson said, "and that's a different scenario."

He noted that bears are a lot more solid than a deer and there is a higher potential for damage or injury. The same applies to moose, which are more likely to come in contact with a windshield during a collision.

Don't count on a moose's eyes giving it away in the headlights after dark. "A moose's eyes don't reflect the light like other animals," he said.

Ministry of Natural Resources biologist Gerry Moraal, of the Minden office, said moose eyes do reflect light, but compared to a deer, they are not as

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Lake quality comes first, planners are told

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Huddled in somewhat intense round table discussions, at least 60 ratepayers were at the Minden Community Centre July 27 to start talking about Minden Hills' official plan.

"This is part of my responsibility of being a citizen of the community," said Max Radcliff, who attended the morning workshop to toss some ideas around, and get issues such as shoreline protection, out in the open.

"We are here to start taking about things and to tell [council] where we would like to township to go into the future," he said.

Echoing Radcliff's determination to make a difference in the community, many other participants said they attended the meeting because they were interested in the community, and wanted to preserve the area.

"We want to direct change," said Ed Brinsmead. "This type of a meeting is open for people to express their opinions instead of just the council telling us it was going to be a certain way."

Paul Heaven said that if he didn't attend the meetings that dealt with community matters, "then I would have a hard time complaining about things later on."

The meeting was organized by Planscape, the consulting company hired by Minden Hills to prepare the document that outlines how the township wants to grow. The official plan usually places an emphasis on land use plan-

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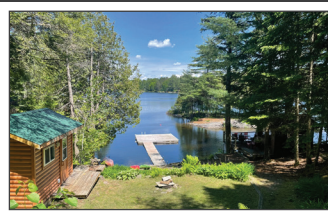
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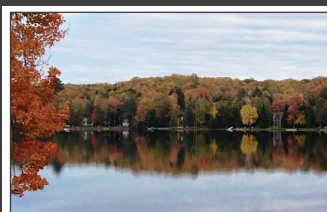
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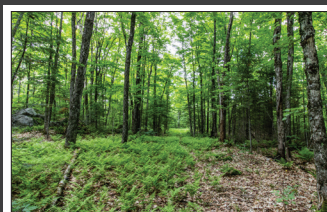
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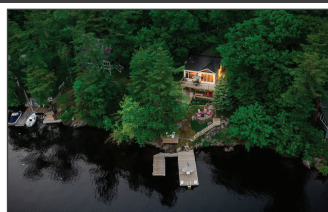
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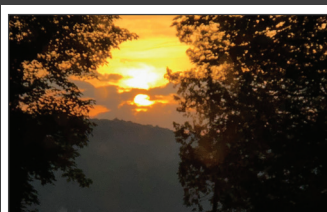
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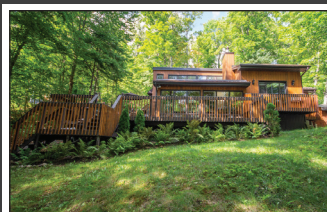
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